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Daily report on the effects of the Israeli aggression in Palestine

Current situation in Palestine from **7 October to 29 October 2023 – 09:00 am**
Day 23 of hostilities on Gaza

Number of destroyed residential units	Attacks on Health Sector	Injured in Palestine	Martyrs in Palestine
177,781	More than 260	Gaza strip: about 20 thousand	Gaza strip: 7950
		West Bank: about 2000	West Bank: 114

Health statistics department in the ministry of health Ramallah oversees the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Figures updated every 24 hours .These numbers reflect the verified statistics only but does not necessarily reflect all causalities given the fact that many victims remain missing under the rubble

Major Events

- About 73% of the martyrs in Gaza Strip are children, elderly and women.
- Since 27 October at about 18:00, contact with the Gaza Strip has been cut off, following the shutdown of landlines, cellular and internet services. As a result, :
  - this Flash Update contains minimal updated information about the humanitarian situation in Gaza over the past 24 hours.
  - The telecommunications shutdown has brought the already challenging delivery of humanitarian assistance to a complete halt and is depriving people of life-saving information.
  - As noted on 28 October by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, "the bombing of the telecommunications infrastructure places the civilian population in grave danger. Ambulances and civil defence teams are no longer able to locate the injured, or the thousands of people estimated to be still under the rubble."

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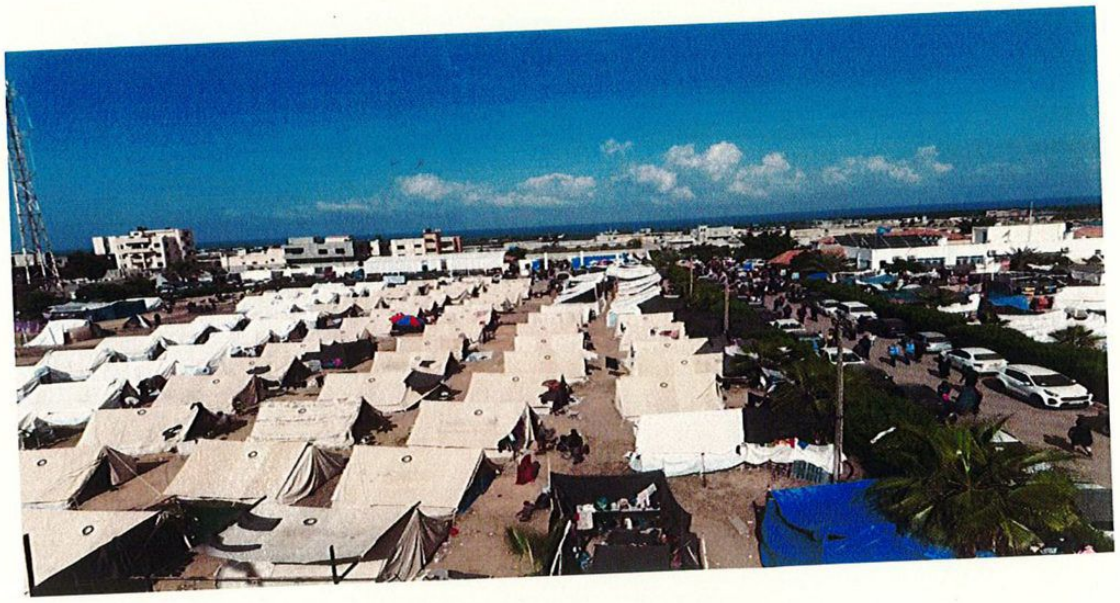

- An imminent public health catastrophe looms in the setting of mass displacement, overcrowding of shelters, damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure. UNRWA shelters have reported thousands of cases of acute respiratory infections and diarrhea as well as cases of chicken pox.

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Health System

- Acute shortage of fuel and electricity is seriously affecting the most critical functions at all hospitals and the ability of ambulances to respond. Fuel depletion risks the lives of injured patients; patients in intensive care, those requiring surgery, in addition to neonatal incubators and over 1000 patients dependent on dialysis.
- Shortage of blood: Ministry of Health called for blood donation and appealed to ICRC and WHO to supply blood units from outside the Gaza Strip from west bank and Egypt.
- 95 patients per day are unable to access the specialized health care they would usually receive outside the Gaza Strip
- West Bank, including Jerusalem;
  - First response capacities overstretched by increased casualties, with a high demand for emergency medical supplies at hospitals.
  - Checkpoint closures, insecurity, movement restrictions, and attacks on health are making movement of ambulances difficult and restricting movement of healthcare workers, access for patients to primary and hospital care between towns in the West Bank and in Jerusalem
  - Parts of Area C remain inaccessible to running mobile clinics, leaving the population without access to essential healthcare services.

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- On 27 October, ten medical specialists with ICRC entered Gaza through the Rafah Crossing, including a war surgery team and a weapons contamination specialist.
- 119% of hospital beds currently occupied in 7 major hospitals. At Shifa hospital alone, the bed occupancy rate has reached 171%. This puts pressure on staff to free up beds for new patients, risking patient safety.

- Since 7 October, WHO has documented 118 attacks on health care in the West Bank affecting 99 ambulances and including 67 attacks involving obstruction to delivery of health care; 61 involving physical violence towards health teams; 19 involving detention of health staff and ambulances; and 12 involving militarized search of health assets.
- the total number of humanitarian aid trucks entering Gaza since 21 October to 27 October has reached 84. Before the Israeli aggression, an average of 500 truckloads entered Gaza every working day.
- Israeli Occupation Forces is still banning the entrance of Fuel into the strip. As UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said, "without fuel, there will be no humanitarian response, no aid reaching people in need, no electricity for hospitals, no access to clean water, and no availability of bread."
- UNRWA, the largest provider of humanitarian aid in Gaza, has almost exhausted its fuel reserve and has begun to reduce their operations.

Attacks on the health sector

- 116 martyrs of health personnel
- More than 100 wounded of health personnel
- 50 ambulances were attacked, 25 are out of service.
- 12/35 hospitals in Gaza (one-third) and 46/72 primary health care clinics (nearly two-thirds) have shut down due to damage from the bombardment or lack of fuel.
- 24 hospitals were requested to evacuate in the northern Gaza Strip (containing 2000 beds).

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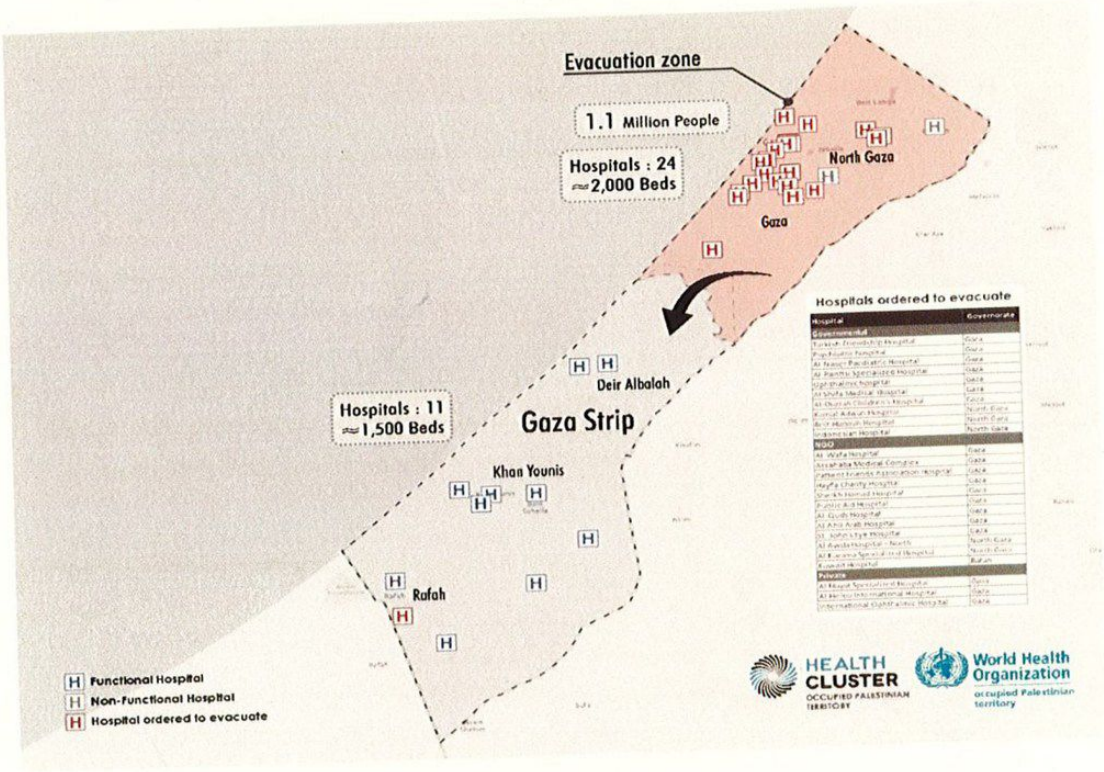

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Displacement

- An estimated 1.4 million people in Gaza are internally displaced, with some 629,000 sheltering in 150 UNRWA-designated emergency shelters (DES). Overcrowding is a growing concern, as the average number of IDPs per shelter has reached 2.7 times their designated capacity, with the most overcrowded one reaching 11 times its intended capacity.
- It is estimated that more than 15% of IDPs suffer from various disabilities, and most shelter centers are not adequately equipped to meet their needs. These centers lack mattresses and medical beds, which causes ulcers and other medical problems that cannot be treated and dealt with under these circumstances

- Medical staff capacity is 30% of what is required.
- 350,000 non communicable diseases patients (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and others). 1000 patients in need for kidney dialysis. 80% of dialysis machines are in the north.
- MoH reported that its daily use of medical consumables during the war is equivalent to its monthly consumption before the war.

Destroyed buildings

45% of housing units are destroyed

- Completely destroyed and uninhabitable housing units: 27,781units
- Partially destroyed housing units: 150,000 units
- Non-operational health facilities (due to lack of fuel or bombardment) : 12 hospital and 46 primary health clinic
- Educational Facilities: 40% (221) of schools damaged (38 completely damaged)
- 42 UNRWA installations, including several designated emergency shelters (DES), have been damaged, with one of them being directly hit, resulting in 13 fatalities and 195 injuries among IDPs.

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